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In re the Application of) Group Art Unit: 1646
G. Trinchieri *et al*)
Appl. No.: 09/395,038)
Filed: September 13, 1999)
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS) Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC
FOR ENHANCING THE) 20231.
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) Signature Dawn Brown
) Date January 3, 2001

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

This is filed in timely response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2000, which requires restriction of the claims. Please enter the following election of claims as set forth below.

Election

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, Species (a), which are claims 1-15.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with partial traverse, prosecution of Group I, Species (a) claims 1-15, which claims are directed to a method for enhancing the adjuvant effect of IL-12.

Applicants respectfully request the examiner's reconsideration of the restriction of claims 40 and 41 of Group II from the adjuvanting method claims of Group I,